

In addition to the biennial budget (discussed in Agenda Item G-3), several important pieces of legislation were passed in the last few days of the session. SB 1 revamps the state's approach to adult education, giving the Council responsibility for adult education policy leadership and for administration of the Adult Education and Literacy Initiative Fund. The fund will receive \$19 million over the next biennium. The Department for Adult Education and Literacy is charged with implementing the strategy established by the Council.

SB 77 was expanded to include a few of the provisions of the ill-fated teacher quality bill, HB 437. It creates a Teachers' Professional Growth Fund (\$2 million over the biennium) to provide financial incentives – stipends, tuition reimbursement, etc. – to teachers who pursue professional development. In 2000-02, priority will be given to middle school math teachers. SB 77 also establishes the Center for Middle School Academic Achievement at an institution to be selected by the Council.

HB 572, the knowledge-based economy package, creates within the Council three new funds: the Research & Development Voucher Fund to support R&D partnerships between small and medium-size companies and Kentucky universities; the Rural Innovation Fund to support small, rural firms in partnerships with Kentucky colleges and universities; and the Kentucky Commercialization Fund to provide seed funding to promising R&D work at the universities. The bill anticipates that the Council will contract with a science and technology corporation to administer at least two of the funds. HB 572 also directs the Council to create regional technology corporations to support clusters of similar or complementary businesses.

Other bills of interest also were enacted.

HB 178 establishes a statewide math diagnostic testing program for high school juniors and seniors. Its aim is to reduce the amount of remediation needed and to encourage high school students to take advanced math courses. The Council is required to select a university to administer the program.

HB 180 creates a pre-paid tuition program in the State Treasurer's office. Families could lock in current tuition rates by paying into an account that would be invested and guaranteed to cover the cost of tuition when a student enters college.

A final bill chart follows.

**COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
BILL TRACKING CHART  
FINAL ACTION, 2000 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

BILL/ SPONSOR	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINATING CHAMBER		NON-ORIGINATING CHAMBER	
		Committee Referred To	Status	Committee Referred To	Status
SB 1 Williams	Adult education package	Education	Passed Senate 38-0	Education	Passed House 98-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 53 Bailey	Changes the calculation to determine the amount of osteopathic scholarship	Education	Passed Senate 38-0	Education	Passed House 94-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 56 Boswell	Allows for partial awards in the National Guard tuition assistance program	Education	Passed Senate 36-0	Education	Passed House 98-1 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 58 Boswell	National Guard tuition assistance available to all, not just enlisted, members	Education	Passed Senate 34-0	Education	Passed House 97-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 77 McGaha	Center for Middle School Academic Achievement/Teacher quality	Education	Passed Senate 36-1	Education	Passed House 98-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 125 Shaughnessy	Technical changes to KEES program	Education	Passed Senate 36-0	Education	Passed House 97-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 131 Westwood	KCTCS – may not dismiss employees except for just cause	State & Local Government	DEAD		
SB 204 Stine	KEES – numerical grading scale	Education	Defeated in committee		
SB 237 McGaha	Exemption from prevailing wage for postsecondary education	Ec Dev, Tourism & Labor	DEAD		
SB 240 Seum	Waives tuition up to 6 hours for secondary area technology center employees	Ec Dev, Tourism & Labor	Passed Senate 37-0	Education	Passed House 97-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 244 Scorsone	Full vote to KCTCS student, faculty, staff members	Education	DEAD		
SB 249 Buford	Parkinson's Centers at UK, UL		WITHDRAWN		
SB 259 Seum	Staff member on community college boards	Education	Passed Senate 35-0	Education	Passed House 96-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
SB 267 Buford	Parkinson's Centers at UK, UL	A&R	Passed Senate 37-0; funds deleted	A&R	DEAD
SB 270 Boswell	Biotechnology tax credits	A&R	DEAD		
SB 271 Kelly	Increased funding for Collaborative Center for Literacy Development & Early Reading Incentive Fund	A&R	DEAD		

SB 278 Miller	Statewide resource center for dyslexia	A&R	DEAD		
SB 321 Bailey	UK Center of excellence in rural health	Health & Welfare	Passed Senate 38-0	Health & Welfare	DEAD
SB 328 Pendleton	\$20 million to Lung Cancer Research Fund		WITHDRAWN		
SR 43 Borders	Seminar on credit for college freshmen	Education	Passed Senate 36-0		
HB 40 Yonts	Nominating commissions for community colleges	Education	Passed House 95-0	Education	Passed Senate 36-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 44 Crimm	State aid for students attending colleges accredited by regional accrediting agencies other than SACS	Education	Passed House 96-0	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 76 Weaver	Alternative certification for veterans to become teachers	Seniors, Military Affairs & Public Safety/Education	Passed House 98-0	Education	Passed Senate 36-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 93 Stumbo	Confirms executive order changing name of Commonwealth Merit Scholarships to KEES	Education	Passed House 95-0	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 118 Hoffman	Creates special license plates for independent colleges/increase license plate fees-public univs.	Transportation	Passed House 97-0	Transportation	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 138 Graham	National Guard tuition assistance available to all, not just enlisted, members	Education	DEAD (See SB 58)		
HB 149 Nunn	Tuition waiver for foster and adopted children	A&R	DEAD		
HB 177 Nunn	Telemedicine program - UK and UofL	Health & Welfare	Passed House 94-0	Health & Welfare	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 178 Draud	Statewide math diagnostic testing program	Education	Passed House 91-0 with amendment to make the test web-based	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 180 Adkins	Prepaid tuition program	Education	Passed House 98-0	Education	Passed Senate 34-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 181 Haydon	Tuition waiver for stepchildren of deceased veterans	Seniors, Military Affairs & Public Safety	Passed House 92-0 with amndmt to waive tuition for dependents of veterans killed on active reserve duty	A&R	Passed Senate 35-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 185 Yonts	Adult education package	Education	DEAD (See SB 1)		
HB 198 Crimm	Tuition discount (25%) for volunteer firefighters, paramedics, EMTs	Education	DEAD		

HB 206 Graham	Allows for partial awards in the National Guard tuition assistance program	Seniors, Military Affairs & Public Safety	Passed House 93-0	A&R	DEAD (See SB 58)
HB 321 Wayne	Housing safety for disabled students	Education	Passed House 95-0 with amendment that maintains sovereign immunity of public colleges & universities	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 322 Wayne	Campus safety policies; crime log	Education	Passed House 90-0 with amendment that maintains sovereign immunity of public colleges & universities	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 384 Buckingham	Restricts credit card solicitation of students	Banking & Insurance	Passed House 92-3	Banking & Insurance	DEAD
HB 399 Callahan	Tuition waiver for disabled police officers, firefighters, & volunteer firefighters	Education	Passed House 97-0	A&R	DEAD
HB 437 Moberly	Teacher quality package	Education	Passed House 88-9	Education	DEAD
HB 462 Rasche	Technical changes to Ky. Educational Savings Plan Trust	Education	Passed House 97-0	A&R	Passed Senate 37-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 502 Stumbo	Executive branch budget	A&R	Passed House 90-8	A&R	Passed Senate 36-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 509 Weaver	Registration for Selective Service made a requirement for admission to public colleges & universities	State Government	DEAD		
HB 572 Richards	Knowledge-based economy initiative	A&R	Passed House 96-1	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 583 Barrow	Lung Cancer Research Governance Board	A&R	Passed House 96-0	A&R	Passed Senate 36-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 608 Palmer	Lung Cancer Research Governance Board/Municipal colleges in 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> class cities	Banking & Insurance	Passed House 94-0	Health & Welfare	Passed Senate 34-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 631 Richards	Transfers Comm. on Fire Protection to KCTCS	Education	Passed House 94-0	Economic Development, Tourism & Labor	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HB 721 Geveden	Exemption from salary cap	A&R	DEAD		
HB 801 Alexander	Requires KCTCS to establish salary schedule for faculty & staff	Education	DEAD		
HB 855 Barrows	Hemp can be grown; research program established	Agriculture & Small Business	Passed House 63-31 with amendment deleting provision allowing hemp to be grown	Ag & Natural Resources	DEAD

HB 883 Stein	Theology and divinity students eligible for state aid	Education	DEAD		
HB 903 Palmer	Municipal colleges in 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> class cities	Education	Passed House 86-1	A&R	DEAD (passed as amendment to HB 608)
HB 918 Wilkey	Criminal Justice Loan Assistance program	A&R	DEAD		
HB 945 Johns	Information technology accessible to blind		WITHDRAWN		
HB 975 Upchurch	Somerset CC to Southern KY CC	Education	DEAD		
HB 1004 Anderson	Numerical grading scale – KEES	Education	DEAD		
HB 1011 L. Clark	Approval for transfer of assets – public colleges & universities	State Government	Passed House 71-6	A&R	DEAD
HB 1032 Johns	Information technology accessible to blind and deaf	A&R	DEAD		
HCR 88 Treesh	LRC to study academic preparation in K-12, including need for remedial instruction	Education	Passed House 94-2	Education	Passed Senate 37-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HJR 98 Anderson	EPSB to review preparation and certification of science teachers	Education	DEAD		
HJR 141 Riner	Eagle Scout scholarships	Education	Passed House 95-0	Education	Passed Senate 38-0 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
HJR 144 Riner	Directs medical schools to enroll disabled students	State Government	DEAD		